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SUBJ: AMBASSADOR KAUL' S REMARKS AT CREDENTIALS CEREMONY
AND PRESIDENTIAL RESPONSE

1. INDIAN AMBASSADOR T. N. KAUL PRESENTED CREDENTIALS TO PRESIDENT ON JUNE 14 AT 1:30 P. M. FOLLOWING ARE TEXTS OF KAUL' S REMARKS TO PRESIDENT AND PRESIDENTIAL RESPONSE.

2. BEGIN KAUL REMARKS: QTE: MR. PRESIDENT, I HAVE THE HONOUR TO PRESENT TO YOU THE LETTER OF CREDENCE FROM MY PRESIDENT ACCREDITING ME AS AMBASSADOR OF INDIA TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. I ALSO PRESENT THE LETTER OF RECALL OF MY DISTINGUISHED PREDECESSOR, MR. LAKSHMI KANT
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3. I HAD THE HONOUR OF VISITING YOUR GREAT COUNTRY WITH MY PRIME MINISTER AT THE END OF OCTOBER, 1971, IN MY

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CAPACITY AS FOREIGN SECRETARY, WHEN THE SITUATION IN OUR SUB- CONTINENT AND THE WORLD AT LARGE WAS NOT VERY ENCOURAGING. I AM ASSUMING MY NEW RESPONSIBILITIES AS AMBASSADOR AT A TIME WHEN, FORTUNATELY, TENSIONS AND CAUSES OF CONFLICT ON THE SUB- CONTINENT AND IN THE WORLD AT LARGE ARE SHOWING SIGNS OF SOLUTION. YOUR PERSONAL CONTRIBUTION IN RELAXING TENSION AND PROMOTING DETENTE IN THE INTERNATIONAL FIELD IS WELL RECOGNISED.

4. MR. PRESIDENT, YOUR GOVERNMENT AND THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HAVE EXPRESSED A COMMON DESIRE FOR BETTER RELATIONS BASED ON EQUALITY, RECIPROCITY AND MUTUAL RESPECT. A TREND IN THAT DIRECTION IS ALREADY EVIDENT. FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES IS NOT ONLY DESIRABLE BUT ESSENTIAL. IT COULD PROMOTE PEACE, SECURITY, STABILITY AND PROGRESS IN THE REGION AND THE WORLD AT LARGE.

5. INDIA AND THE UNITED STATES SHARE MANY COMMON VALUES AND IDEALS. WE HAVE A COMMON BELIEF IN INDIVIDUAL LIB- ERTY AND RESPECT FOR HUMAN DIGNITY; WE BOTH BELIEVE IN FREEDOM OF THOUGHT AND EXPRESSION; DEMOCRACY AND DEMO- CRATIC INSTITUTIONS HAVE TAKEN DEEP ROOTS IN THE HEARTS AND MINDS OF BOTH OUR PEOPLES. AND, AS YOU SAID, MR. PRES- IDENT, IN YOUR RECENT STATE OF THE WORLD MESSAGE, THERE IS NO SIGNIFICANT CONFLICT OF INTERESTS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES; AND, IF I MAY ADD, THERE NEED BE NONE.

6. IT IS BUT NATURAL THAT THERE SHOULD BE DIFFERENCES IN ATTITUDE AND OUTLOOK BETWEEN TWO SOVEREIGN INDEPENDENT COUNTRIES LIKE U. S. A. AND INDIA, ESPECIALLY WHEN BOTH FOLLOW THE DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM WHERE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENTS FREELY EXPRESS THEIR URGES AND ASPIRATIONS. IT IS SIGNIF- ICANT THAT THESE DIFFERENCES HAVE BEEN LESS OF A BILATERAL CHARACTER AND MORE IN THE CONTEXT OF OUR RESPECTIVE ATTITUDES TOWARDS PROBLEMS IN OTHER AREAS. HOWEVER, AS A
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RESULT OF SOME CHANGES FOR THE BETTER IN THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE, TO WHICH BOTH OUR GOVERNMENTS HAVE MADE THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS, IT IS OUR HOPE AND EXPECTATION THAT THE STRESSES AND STRAINS BETWEEN US WILL PROGRESSIVELY DIMINISH. EVEN MORE SIGNIFICANT IS OUR CONVICTION THAT THESE DIFFERENCES SHOULD BE UNDERSTOOD BY BOTH SIDES AND ACCEPTED AS NATURAL, KEPT IN PERSPECTIVE, AND NOT ALLOWED TO CLOUD THE BASIC DIRECTION OR THE TOTALITY OF OUR RELATIONS. THE VALUES AND IDEALS THAT OUR TWO GREAT PEOPLES CHERISH AND WHICH UNITE THEM, ARE FAR MORE IMPORTANT AND LASTING THAN THE PASSING DIFFERENCES THAT SEEM TO DIVIDE US FROM TIME TO TIME.

7. MR. PRESIDENT, WE CELEBRATED THE SILVER JUBILEE OF

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OUR INDEPENDENCE LAST YEAR. AS PANDIT JAWAHARLAL NEHRU SAID AT THE DAWN OF OUR INDEPENDENCE " LONG YEARS AGO WE MADE A TRYST WITH DESTINY AND NOW THE TIME COMES WHEN WE SHALL REDEEM OUR PLEDGE". WE HAVE EMBARKED ON THE GIGAN-

TIC TASK OF IMPROVING THE STANDARDS OF LIVING OF OUR 560 MILLION PEOPLE. THE PROGRESS WE HAVE ACHIEVED SO FAR GIVES US HOPE FOR THE FUTURE. BUT, MUCH MORE REMAINS TO

BE DONE. DURING YOUR VISITS TO INDIA, INCLUDING THE LAST ONE IN 1969, YOU HAVE SEEN SOME OF OUR ACHIEVEMENTS AND PROBLEMS. WE RECOGNISE, AND PROUDLY SO, THAT THE BASIC EFFORT IN THIS DIRECTION HAS TO BE OUR OWN AND OUR SUCCESS WILL FLOW FROM OUR OWN LABOUR AND SACRIFICES. YOUR CONTINUED UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION IS A SOURCE OF ENCOURAGEMENT IN OUR EFFORT. WE SINCERELY BELIEVE THAT TRADE AND COMMERCE, SCIENCE AND CULTURE, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE FIELD OF INDUSTRIAL AND AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY ARE SOME OF THE MANY SPHERES IN WHICH OUR COOPERATION CAN BE FURTHER STRENGTHENED FOR MUTUAL BENEFIT.

8. WE ARE EARNESTLY ENGAGED, ALONG WITH OTHER COUNTRIES OF THE SUB- CONTINENT, IN THE VITAL TASK OF BREAKING AWAY FROM CONFLICT AN

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